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Thanks for the update.

Linda

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On Dec 21, 2018, at 12:32 PM, Lippert, Allison <[lippert.allison@epa.gov](mailto:lippert.allison@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Linda – we confirmed that WDNR will issue a press release which will include a quote from Cathy. They are waiting until after the January board meeting to make the announcement. We will use the desk statement below (still needs final approval from HQ) if we receive any inquiries before then.

EPA continues to work with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to ensure that residents of Juneau and Wood Counties have safe drinking water. Last spring EPA sampled groundwater in northeast Juneau County after receiving complaints of private drinking water well contamination. EPA's sampling results showed elevated nitrate levels in some areas, prompting WDNR, Juneau and Wood Counties and the Armenia Growers Coalition (AGC) to enter into a formal agreement to conduct further testing and provide alternate drinking water and water treatment units to impacted residences. EPA has reviewed this plan and supports the state's collaboration with the counties and AGC to protect public health.

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